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COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed July 22, 2004 the following comments are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 remain allowed in connection with the present application.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner quotes language of only independent claim 1; language which is not present in the other independent claim 8. While Applicants agree that each of independent claims 1 and 8 distinguish from the prior art and are allowable over the art, each of independent claims 1 and 8 should only interpreted based only

upon the limitations present therein. Applicant submits these comments to ensure that claim 8, and all claims dependent thereon, are not limited in any way by the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance made with regard to claim limitations of claim 1.

The Examiner's Statements refer to "generating a respective set of state transitions to represent each functionality that has been identified" and other limitations present in claim 1. However, claim 8 is an arrangement claim, has nothing to do with generating or generation of anything, does not include the limitations of claim 1 and should not be interpreted as such. Claim 8 should be construed only based upon limitations present therein and should not be limited in any way by the Examiner's statements. Applicant hereby submits these Comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in an effort to ensure that claims 8 and 10-16 are not improperly construed based upon limitations not present therein and/or to ensure that claims 8 and 10-16 are not interpreted so as to include any additional claim limitations.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley, Reg. No. 34,313 at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

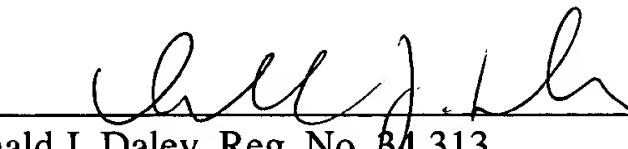
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additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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